

Announcement for Fulbright U.S. – ASEAN Visiting Scholar Initiative Program

Deadline: December 30, 2022

The Public Diplomacy Section of the U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce the FY2023 competition for the Fulbright U.S. –ASEAN Visiting Scholar Initiative Program. The deadline to submit the form is December 30, 2022.

--Candidates will be able to access the online application at <https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2023>

Program Description: The Fulbright U.S.–ASEAN Visiting Scholar Program is open to university faculty, foreign ministry or other government officials, and professional staff of the private sector, think tanks, and other NGOs in the ASEAN member states. Selected Fulbright U.S.–ASEAN Visiting Scholars will travel to the United States for **three to four months during the first half of 2024**, where they will carry out scholarly and professional research on priority issues to the U.S.–ASEAN relationship and ASEAN. Projects that are regional in scope and/or have clear implications for the entire ASEAN region should be recommended. **Note the criteria for U.S.–ASEAN awards – research on priority issues for the U.S.–ASEAN relationship and ASEAN, with clear regional implications – differ substantially from those for bilateral awards.** Recommendations will be accepted from all ASEAN member states. U.S.–ASEAN selection committee anticipates the selection of 20 qualified applicants (a notable increase from 2022!), including two participants from each of the 10 ASEAN member states.

Fulbright Visiting Scholars may apply to conduct research that supports broad ASEAN initiatives, such as support for regional economic integration, expansion of maritime cooperation, promotion of opportunities for women, and addressing transnational challenges. Fields of study could include but are not limited to: Education, Financial Market Integration, Food Technology, Information Sciences, Journalism, Law, Public Administration, Public/Global Health, and Trade and Investment. These programs and topics should reflect **priority areas of the ASEAN Secretariat and the U.S. Mission to ASEAN** and may also reflect priorities and relevance to the nominating country. Projects that are regional in scope and/or have clear implications for the entire ASEAN region are to be prioritized.

Eligibility: Fulbright U.S.–ASEAN Visiting Scholar applicants should be university faculty, foreign ministry, and government officials or professionals in the private sector, think tanks, and other NGOs whose work focuses on U.S.–ASEAN issues. Applicants will be expected to have a significant record of scholarly or professional accomplishment; they must be citizens of one of the 10 ASEAN member states and be proficient in English. Preference will be given to qualified applicants without recent and substantial experience in the United States. Applicants must reside in an ASEAN member state throughout the nomination and selection process and return to an ASEAN country upon completing their U.S. stay.

Fulbright U.S.–ASEAN Visiting Scholar proposals should be carefully developed projects that will deepen the applicant's understanding of one or more aspects of the U.S.–ASEAN relationship. While a scholar should expect that the program is primarily focused on research, grantees are also encouraged to expand and develop their network of professional contacts so that professional relationships established during the grantee's time in the United States can be sustained after the formal grant period has ended. In addition, grantees will be expected to seek opportunities to provide an ASEAN perspective during their time in the United States through guest lectures, seminars, or participation in academic or professional conferences. Before submitting formal applications, all applicants are urged to establish a likely affiliation with a U.S. institution, including universities, think tanks, and research institutes. Letters of invitation will enable program organizers to finalize relevant

affiliations. **Note: All selected Fulbright U.S.–ASEAN Visiting Scholars are to come to the United States during the first half of 2024, starting their grant between January and March 2024. Program timing may be subject to change due to travel restrictions or other considerations.**

Application Procedures: Each Fulbright U.S.–ASEAN Visiting Scholar candidate, will be required to submit an online application via the online management system administered by the Institute of International Education/Council for International Exchange of Scholars (IIE/CIES). Once the applications have been submitted, each country's PAS or Fulbright commission will review and nominate candidates to be sent to the U.S. Mission to ASEAN. Finalist applications from the regional competition will then be forwarded electronically for review by ECA and approval by the FFSB.

The following materials comprise a complete application:

- Application
- Project statement (three to five pages)
- Bibliography
- Curriculum vitae (up to six pages)
- Letter of invitation from the host institution in the U.S. (strongly preferred, but not required). HOWEVER, please note that all participants will be required to have a confirmed letter of invitation before final selection and/or departure
- Letters of recommendation (at least two are required)

Click here to apply <https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2023>

Award Terms: Fulbright U.S.–ASEAN Visiting Scholar awards will provide:

- A monthly stipend for grantees, between US \$2,710 and \$3,145/month, depending on the U.S. city.
- A direct-flight, round-trip economy-class air ticket.
- A \$1,250 Professional and Settling-in allowance.
- Qualifying university lab and research fees up to \$3,000, as necessary.
- No dependent support will be available.
- Exchanges must be at least three months but no more than four months in length.

Note: Fulbright U.S.–ASEAN Visiting Scholars typically convene in Washington, D.C., near the end of their program during the first half of 2024.

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